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1. RECENT EVENTS INDICATE THAT WE SHOULD REOPEN THE QUESTION OF EXCLUDING FROM NUMERICAL MILITARY ORDER OF BATTLE HOLDINGS ALL COMMUNIST COMPONENTS OTHER THAN MAIN AND LOCAL FORCE, ADMIN SERVICES AND GUERRILLAS, STRICTLY DEFINED. WE STRONGLY SUSPECT THAT MUCH OF RECENT URBAN EXCITEMENT WAS CAUSED BY PERSONNEL DRAWN FROM SECRET SELF-DEFENSE COMPONENTS, PERHAPS THE ASSAULT YOUTH, AND OTHER ELEMENTS CURRENTLY WRITTEN OUT OF THE RECORD BY J-2 MACV ON THE GROUND THAT THEY "HAVE NO MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE."

2. WE REALIZE A RE-LOOK AT ORDER OF BATTLE METHODOLOGY SHOULD WAIT UNTIL THINGS QUIET DOWN AND THAT MACV, UNDERSTANDABLY, MAY BE VERY TOUCHY ON THIS SUBJECT. AT A MINIMUM, HOWEVER, THE INTERROGATIONS OF PRISONERS WHO TOOK PART IN THE TET OFFENSIVE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE PRECISELY WHAT SORT OF UNITS THESE PRISONERS CAME FROM IN SUCH INTERROGATIONS, WE SHOULD LET SAID PRISONERS TELL US HOW THE

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ENEMY ORGANIZES HIS FORCE STRUCTURE AND NOT IMPOSE OUR ORGANIZATIONAL BREAKDOWN ON THIS NEW BODY OF EVIDENCE.

3. THIS PRISONER HAUL IS A POTENTIAL GOLD MINE OF INFORMATION WHICH WE ARE CONFIDENT YOU WILL EXPLOIT FULLY. WE WILL SHORTLY TRANSMIT A DETAILED REQUIREMENTS LIST OUTLINING THE INFORMATION WASHINGTON WOULD LIKE TO SEE OBTAINED FROM THIS RICH, WINDFALL SOURCE OF DATA.

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